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Mr. David Hales Director Department of Natural Resources Box 30028 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Hales:

Enclosed is our second draft of the Kirtland's Warbler Memorandum of Understanding. We have slightly modified the draft you sent to us on April 6, 1989.

We have also received notice that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be receiving resource management funding for the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area in the amount of \$100,000 annually, commencing in Fiscal Year 1990.

These funds could be used by your agency in managing Kirtland's Warbler habitat on federally-owned lands per agreed-upon management plans.

Please contact Mr. Edward S. Crozier, Wildlife Associate Manager, at 612-725-3701 if you have any questions regarding this second draft Memorandum of Understanding.

Sincerely,

Enclosure



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Department of Natural Resources
State of Michigan

Fish and Wildlife Service U.S. Department of the Interior

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), entered into by and between the Department of Natural Resources, State of Michigan, hereinafter called the DNR, under Sections 3.321 and 299.201 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, hereinafter called the FWS, acting by and through the Regional Director, Region 3, under the Authority of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 889; 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543 ad amended); the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222 et seq.), as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668jj); and in accordance with the policy of cooperation with the various states expressed in Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act.

WHEREAS, the DNR has been created under the laws of the State of Michigan to provide an adequate and flexible system for the protection, development, and use of natural communities that include lakes, streams, fish, wildlife, plant life, endangered and threatened species, and other outdoor resources and, the DNR has a responsibility for management of the Kirtland's Warbler and other wildlife within the boundaries of the State of Michigan and,

WHEREAS, the FWS has as its responsibility the management of migratory birds and the recovery of endangered and threatened species and seeks to maintain and increase populations of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler so they may continue to exist on earth,

WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of the DNR and FWS to work in harmony for the purpose of cooperatively-acquiring and managing Kirtland's Warbler habitat in Michigan in order to bring additional land under appropriate habitat management so that a minimum of 100 nesting pairs of Kirtland's Warblers annually use this land. This MOU supersedes Cooperative Agreement No. 14-16-0003-82-930, dated March 31, 1982, between the FWS and DNR and the Cooperative Agreement (for Management of Certain Lands to Benefit the Kirtland's Warbler) dated September 14, 1978, between the FWS and DNR.

The goals of this MOU are as follows:

- 1. To acquire 7,700 acres of private land which are near, adjacent to, or within the DNR's Kirtland's Warbler management unit boundaries and have the potential for creation of jack pine habitat suitable for the Kirtland's Warbler. Approximately 5,250 acres of this goal have been met as of March 27, 1989.
- To consolidate interests in these acres to allow more efficient habitat management by the FWS and DNR.
- To provide for prompt initiation of habitat management on these lands as they are acquired.